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Of the

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COUNTY OF RADNOR.

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C. H. Fowler, Town Hall, Knighton.	Knighton Urban.	Cert.R. San. Inst.
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R. P. Morris, Westfield, Kington.	Presteigne Urban.	Cert. R. San. Inst.
J. Evans, Victoria House, Erwood.	Colwyn Rural.	Cert. R.San. Inst.
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R. Worthing, Tegid House, Rhayader.	Rhayader Rural.	—

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To the Chairman and Members of the Radnorshire County Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Health Conditions in the County during the year 1942.

It is with pleasure I record that the Infant Mortality Rate was 33 compared with 59 for the previous year. There were no Maternal Deaths during the year.

Once more I would like to thank the Staff of my Department for their help and loyalty and to acknowledge the interest and encouragement I have received from the Members of the County Council.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,
T. E. JONES DAVIES,
County Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT.

SECTION A.—Area.

The Administrative County of Radnor comprises three Urban and five Rural Districts ; it covers an area of 301,165 acres (Urban 8,167 acres, Rural 292,998 acres).

Births.

LIVE BIRTHS.—Total number of live births registered in the County during 1942 was 335, compared with 324 during 1941. There were 313 legitimate births (males 169, females 144).

STILL BIRTHS.—The total number of still births registered in the County was 17 (males 9, females 8) compared with 17 in 1941.

Illegitimate Births.

The total number of illegitimate live births was 22 (males 13, females 9).

Areas.	Live Births.			Still Births.	
	No. of Births.	Birth Rates.		No.	Rates per 1000 total births.
	1942.	1942.	1936-40.	1942.	1942.
Urban District :					
Knighton ...	31	14·8	12·5	2	60·6
Llandrindod Wells	59	15·0	13·9	3	48·4
Presteigne ...	26	21·2	14·7	–	—
Rural Districts :					
Colwyn ...	24	12·3	12·9	–	—
Knighton ...	50	14·0	16·7	3	56·6
New Radnor ...	37	14·8	15·4	2	51·3
Painscastle ...	32	10·7	17·6	–	—
Rhayader ..	76	15·5	13·9	7	84·3
Urban Districts ...	116	16·0	13·6	5	41·3
Rural Districts ...	219	14·6	15·3	12	51·9
Administrative County	335	15·1	14·8	17	48·3

Death Rate.

The total number of deaths which occured in the County (after due correction for residents who died outside the County and non-residents who died in the County) was 255 compared with 342 in 1941.

Of the deaths 103 (males 58, females 45) occurred in the Urban, and 152 (males 77, females 75) in the Rural Districts.

Particulars in regard to Death Rates (per 1,000 of the population) for 1942, and for the five years 1936-40, are as follows :—

Areas.	No. of Deaths.	Crude Death Rates.	
	1942.	1942.	1936-40.
Urban Districts :			
Knighton -	36	17·2	16·8
Llandʼdod Wells	47	12·0	16·2
Presteigne -	20	16·3	15·8
Rural Districts :			
Colwyn -	25	12·8	12·5
Knighton -	39	10·9	12·8
New Radnor -	22	8·8	14·5
Painscastle -	20	9·7	14·0
Rhayader -	46	9·4	13·8
Urban Districts -	103	14·2	16·2
Rural Districts -	152	10·1	13·5
Administrative County	255	11·5	14·3

The principal causes of death for the year 1942 and the 5 years 1936-40, are given in the table which follows :—

Causes of Death.	1942. No. of Deaths.	1942. Percentage of total Deaths.	1936-40. Percentage of total Deaths.
Diseases of Circulatory System (Heart Disease 69, Other Diseases 9)	78	30·6	36·0
Cancer, Malignant Disease	31	12·2	11·5
Diseases of Respiratory System (Bronchitis 13 Pneumonia 8, Other 1)	22	8·6	6·9
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	34	13·3	6·1
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary 9, Non-Pulmonary 5)	14	5·5	3·7
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation, etc.	9	3·5	3·2
Violence (Suicide 2, Road Traffic Accident 2, Other 8)	12	4·7	4·4
Diseases of Digestive System (Peptic Ulcer 1, Other 2)	3	1·2	2·2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	13	5·1	4·8
Diabetes	6	2·4	·8
Total	222	87·1	83·9

The largest number of deaths occurred from diseases of the Circulatory System.

The deaths from Cancer number 31, i.e. 12·2 per cent of all deaths compared with 12·7 per cent during the five years 1931-35.

Infantile Mortality.

The number of deaths under 1 year in the County during 1942 was 11, compared with 19 for 1941; the infantile mortality rate (number of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births) was 33 compared with 59 in 1941; the legitimate rate was 32 per 1,000 legitimate births. Of the deaths 6 (4 males, 2 females) occurred in the Urban, and 5 (3 males, 2 females) in the Rural Districts.

There was one death of an illegitimate child (female) in the Rural Districts, equal to a rate of 45·5 per 1,000 illegitimate births.

Particulars in connection with the various districts for 1942, and for the 10 years 1926-35 are as follows :—

Areas.	No of Deaths under 1 year. 1942.	Rates per 1000 births.	
		1942.	1926-35.
Urban Districts :			
Knighton -	2	64·5	32
Llandrindod Wells	3	50·8	56
Presteigne -	1	38·5	71
Rural Districts :			
Colwyn -	1	41·7	41
Knighton -	–	—	71
New Radnor -	2	54·1	43
Painscastle -	–	—	55
Rhayader -	2	26·3	56
Urban Districts -	6	51·7	50
Rural Districts -	5	22·8	56
Administrative County	11	32·8	55

Diarrhœa and Entiritis (under age of 2 yrs.)

There were no deaths attributed to the above.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Relating to the net births and deaths after correction for inward and outward transfers as furnished by the Registrar-General.

	Total.	M.	F.
Live Births—Legitimate	313	169	144
„ Illegitimate	22	13	9
Stillbirths ...	17	9	8
Deaths ...	255	135	120

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 15·1

Death Rate „ „ „ „ 11·5

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births ...	32·8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	32·0
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	45·5
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ...	31
„ Measles (all ages) ...	—
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	—
„ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	—

Of the 11 deaths of infants under one year of age (males 7, females 4) death occurred in 5 cases during the neo-natal period i.e. in the first month of life.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Work.

No change since 1940 report.

Ambulance Services.

Two ambulances are situated at Llandrindod Wells. One at the Hospital and the other at the Town Hall. Both are available for duty in any part of the County.

Nursing in the Home.

Nursing in the Home is carried out by the District Nurses of whom there are 22 in the County.

Number of visits made during the year were 15,746.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

No change from previous report.

Hospitals.

There is a General Voluntary Hospital of 40 beds at Llandrindod Wells. A Hospital Ward is attached to the Knighton Institution which was taken over by the Public Assistance Committee under the Local Government Act, 1929.

The voluntary Hospital at Llandrindod Wells and the Institution at Knighton have been included in the Emergency Medical Services Hospital Scheme.

Isolation Hospital Accommodation

Full details were given in the 1940 Report.

Local Government Act. 1929.
Poor Law Out-relief.

(a) Number of medical relief districts ...	9
(b) Number of districts included in (a) in which the "open choice" system of medical relief has been introduced ...	Nil.
(c) Number of district medical officers ...	10
(d) Number of officers in (c) whose whole time is devoted to public health service ...	Nil.

Institutional provision for care of Mental Defectives.

Male defectives are admitted to any Certified Institution approved by the Board of Control. Female defectives are admitted to Pantglas Institution. Defectives from the County have been admitted to the following Institutions.

Institutions.	M.	F.
Pantglas ...	—	9
Stoke Park Colony, Bristol	4	—
Royal Earlswood Institution, Surrey	1	—
Forden ...	5	1
Caersws ...	—	2

Maternal Mortality.

No maternal Deaths occurred in the County during the year 1942.

Maternity and Child Welfare.
Midwives Act, 1936.

The scheme is working satisfactorily. The District Nursing Associations are anxious to help and co-operate with the County Health Department in the work.

Hospital Provision for Mothers and Children.

Two beds are reserved in the Maternity Ward of the Llandrindod Wells Hospital for the treatment of complicated midwifery cases, or cases in which the home conditions are unsatisfactory. Knighton Public Assistance Institution has a well equipped maternity ward.

During the year 34 cases (18 for the Urban Areas and 16 from the Rural Areas) were admitted to the Llandrindod Wells Hospital.

Particulars of cases sent in :—

Unsuitable Home Conditions	19
Prolonged Labour	1
Malpresentation (Persistant Occipito Posteria)	1
Adherent Placenta	1
Contracted Pelvis (4 of these had Cæsarian Section performed)	5
Albuminurea	3
Toxemia	1
Fibroid and P.P.H.	1
Malformation (Hydrocaephalic)	1
Albuminurea with A.P.H.	1

All these cases were discharged from Hospital in a satisfactory condition.

During the year 4 cases were admitted to the Knighton Public Assistance Institution.

Health Visiting.

There are no full-time Health Visitors in the County the work being carried out by the District Nurses of whom there are 22. Their work is closely supervised by the full time County and Deputy County Nursing Superintendents.

Particulars of the number of visits paid during the year by all Health Visitors are as follows:—

(1) To Expectant Mothers—

First visits	313
Total visits	2201

(2) To children under one year of age—

First visits	285
Total visits	2942

(3) To children between age of 1 and 5 years—

Total visits	4801

THE MIDWIVES' ACT

Summary of the Inspector's work:

Regular inspections of Midwives	84
Special visits of enquiry	18
Other visits	72
Letters and notices sent out	2288
Visits of inspection to Nursing Home	5

Notifications received from Midwives of:—

Intention to practice	23
Sending for medical help	72
Artificial feeding of infants	1
Still-births	4
Liability to be a source of infection	9
Having laid out a dead body	4
Death of infant	2

In connection with sending for medical aid, 19 notifications were received from the 3 Urban Districts and 53 from the 5 Rural. Particulars are as follows:

MOTHER—(a) ANTE-NATAL.

Albuminuria	4
Ante-partum hæmorrhage	4
Threatened Abortion	2

(b) LABOUR AND PUERPERIUM

Delay in 2nd stage of labour	11
Primary uterine inertia	1
Ruptured perineum	18
Miscarriage	4
Rise of temperature	3
Phlebitis	1
Retained placenta	4
Ante-partum hæmorrhage	3
Prolonged Labour	4
Twin Pregnancy	2

	Precipitated Labour	1
	Secondary Uterine inertia	1
	Exhaustion During First Stage	1
	Extended Breech	1
	Persistent Vomiting During First Stage	1
	Disproportion	1
INFANT.	Cyst under Tongue	1
	Discharge from eyes	2
	Swelling on neck	1
	Birthmark on head	1

In 67 cases (93·0 per cent) the aid was on behalf of the mother (ante-natal 15 per cent); and in 5 cases (7 per cent) in connection with the infant.

Treatment Centres and Child Welfare Clinics.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the following centres:

1.	Howey	Last Tuesday in month, 2-30.
2.	Knighton	First Wednesday in month, 2-30.
3.	Llandr'dod Wells	1st & 3rd Tuesdays in month, 2-30.
4.	New Radnor	Last Monday in month, 1-30.
5.	Presteigne	Second Tuesday in month.
6.	Rhayader	Second Friday in month, 2-0.

The total number of attendances at all centres during the year was:—

(1)	Under one year of age	665
(2)	Between ages 1 and 5	811

The percentage of notified live births which attended at the clinics was 36·1.

Ante-natal Scheme.

The Scheme has been in operation since August, 1931.

The total number of expectant mothers examined ante-natally under the scheme during the year was 119.

Post-natal Scheme.

The scheme was adopted by your Authority on 1st May, 1937. Six cases were examined under the scheme.

Orthopædic Scheme.

The scheme established in 1927 in connection with the Shropshire Orthopædic Hospital. This covers children under school age, school children and adults. Clinics are held fortnightly at Llandrindod Wells, and arrangements exist for patients to be seen also at Leominster, Hereford, Newtown and Craven Arms.

CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE.

Centre.	New cases	Attendances.	Old cases.	Attendances.
Llandrindod Wells	12	21	14	37
Newtown ...	—	—	4	11
Leominster ...	—	—	2	3
Craven Arms ...	1	1	—	—
Total	13	22	20	51

ADULTS.

Centre.	New cases.	Attendances.	Old cases	Attendances.
Llandrindod Wells	7	11	23	34
Hereford ...	1	1	8	8
Craven Arms ...	–	–	4	8
Leominster ...	3	4	5	6
Total	11	16	40	56

Two children under school age and seven adults were treated during the year at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopædic Hospital.

Blind Persons Acts, 1920-1938.

Thirteen "Blind Persons" were registered during the year.

Infectious and Other Diseases.

Reference was made to the hospital accommodation available for cases of infectious disease in the Report for 1940.

The number of cases notified in each District during the year ended 31st December, 1942, was as follows:—

Districts.	Scarlet Fever.	Diptheria.	Acute Pneumonia.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Erysipelas.	Cerebro-spinal Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Measles.	Chicken Pox.
Urban Districts :									
Knighton -	1		2	1	1		5		
Llandod Wells	2	1				1	15	1	4
Presteigne -						1			
Total Urban -	3	1	2	1	1	2	20	1	4
Rural Districts :									
Colwyn -	1	6	4						3
Knighton -			1						
New Radnor -						1	1	5	4
Painscastle -		1							
Rhayader -	6		18				3	2	
Total Rural -	7	7	23			1	4	7	7
Total County -	10	8	25	1	1	3	24	8	11

Tuberculosis.

DEATHS.—The total number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis was 9 (5 males, 4 females) and from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis 5 (4 males, 1 female).

15 New cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from the disease in the area during 1942 are given in the following table:—

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0–								
1–							1	
5–			1					
15–	4	3	2		4	3	2	
45–	3		2			1	1	1
65 +					1			
Total	7	3	5		5	4	4	1

TUBERCULOSIS. RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT.

	In Institutions on 31-12-41	Number admitted during year.	Total.	Number discharged.			Died.	In Institutions on 31-12-42
				Quiescent.	Improved.	No material impr'vem't		
Hospital: Pulmonary: Definitely Tuberculous	4	8	12	–	7	1	2	2
Doubtfully Tuberculous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-Pulmonary: Definitely Tuberculous	2	6	8	3	3	–	–	2
Doubtfully Tuberculous	1	1	2	1	1	–	–	–
In Sanatoria: Definitely Tuberculous	1	9	10	–	3	–	2	5
Doubtfully Tuberculous	1	4	5	–	1	1	–	3
Grand Total	9	28	37	4	15	2	4	12

TABLE I.

Causes of Death in Administrative Areas in the County of Radnor for 1942.

Causes of Death	Urban Districts						Rural Districts										County.		
	Knighton.		Llandri'dod Wells.		Presteigne		Colwyn.		Knighton.		New Radnor.		Painscastle		Rhayader.		M.	F.	Total.
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
Cerebro-spinal fever																			
Diptheria ...																			
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2	1		2	1		1		1	1							5	4	9
Other tuberculous diseases ...			2										2	1			4	1	5
Syphilitic diseases																			
Influenza ...	1		1	1													2	1	3
Cancer, malignant disease ...	1	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	2	3		1	2	1	3	4	15	16	31
Diabetes ...		1	1							1	1		1		1		4	2	6
Intracranial vascular lesions	1	1	4	5	1		4	2	3	3	2	2	1		3	2	19	15	34
Heart disease ...	5	4	6	5	1	4	6	5	1	3	1	7	3	1	6	11	29	40	69
Other circulatory diseases ...	1		1	1	1	1			2				1		1		7	2	9
Bronchitis ...	2	3	1						1	2				1	2	1	6	7	13
Pn'monia(allforms)	1			1			2	1		1		2					3	5	8
Other respiratory diseases ...			1														1		1
Peptic ulcer ...											1						1		1
Diarrhœa (under 2 yrs.)																			
Appendicitis ...									1								1		1
Other digestive diseases ...			1						1								2		2
Acute and chronic nephritis ...	1		2	1	1				3	2					2	1	9	4	13
Maternal Causes																			
Congenital debility prem't'rebirth&c.	1	1	1	1	1						2					2	5	4	9
Suicide ...						1									1		1	1	2
Road traffic accidents					1								1				2		2
Other violence ...		1	1		1			1	2						1	1	5	3	8
All other causes ...	2	3	2		2	1		1	2	2	1	2	1	4	3	1	13	14	27
All causes ...	18	18	28	19	12	8	14	11	19	18	8	14	12	8	23	23	134	119	253

TABLE II.

Causes of death at different periods of life in the County of Radnor, 1942

Causes of Death.	Aggregate of Urban Districts.													
	All Ages.		0-		1-		5-		15-		45-		65-	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Cerebro-spinal Fever														
Diptheria														
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	3	3							2	2		1	1	
Other Tuberculous diseases	2		1						1					
Syphilitic diseases														
Influenza	2	1									2			1
Cancer, Malignant disease	7	6								1	2	2	5	3
Diabetes	1	1									1	1		
Intracranial vascular lesions	6	6									1	1	5	5
Heart Disease	12	13									3	4	9	9
Other Circulatory Diseases	3	2											3	2
Bronchitis	3	3									1		2	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	1											1	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	1										1			
Peptic Ulcer														
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)														
Appendicitis														
Other Digestive Diseases	1										1			
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	4	1							1		2	1	1	
Maternal causes														
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc.	3	2	3	2										
Suicide		1									1			
Road Traffic Accidents	1	1					1				1			
Other Violence	2				1								1	
All other causes	6	4			1						1	2	4	2
All Causes	58	45	4	2	2		1		4	5	15	12	32	2[illegible]

TABLE II.

Causes of death at different periods of life in the County of Radnor, 1942

Causes of Death.	Aggregate of Rural Districts.													
	All Ages.		0–		1–		5–		15–		45–		65–	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Cerebro-spinal Fever														
Diptheria														
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1							2	1				
Other Tuberculous diseases	2	1							1		1	1		
Syphilitic diseases														
Influenza														
Cancer, Malignant disease	8	10							1	2	1	2	6	6
Diabetes	2	2					1			1		1	1	
Intracranial vascular lesions	13	9										1	13	8
Heart Disease	17	27									4	5	13	22
Other Circulatory Diseases	4												4	
Bronchitis	3	4								1			3	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	2	4	1									1	1	3
Other Respiratory Diseases														
Peptic Ulcer	1										1			
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)														
Appendicitis	1								1					
Other Digestive Diseases	1										1			
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	5	3								1	1		4	2
Maternal causes														
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc.	2	2	2	2										
Suicide	1								1					
Road Traffic Accidents	1								1					
Other Violence	3	2				1			2				1	1
All other causes	9	10					1			1		3	8	6
All Causes	77	75	3	2		1	2		9	7	9	14	54	51

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